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1. The Manganese and Pyrite Plant, National Corporation in Chvalatice, includes a manganese mine and a plant for the processing of manganese ore, and a pyrite mine for the production of sulphuric acid.
2. The mine is equipped with an excavator and a conveyor belt for ore transportation. The manganese mine is a surface mine; the pyrite mine is 100 meters deep. The plant has 20 oil and steam locomotives for the narrow-gauge railway, a network of which connects all points of the plant.
3. The pyrite is transported by a conveyor to building No 1 into crushers, washers, driers and then is loaded on freight cars. The processed pyrite is forwarded to various plants in Czechoslovakia and is also exported abroad. During one shift, the approximate output is 10 tons of pure pyrite.
4. The manganese ore mine is equipped with two excavators. The ore is transported by conveyor to buildings No 1 and 3 into crushers, washers, and driers. The processed manganese ore is forwarded to various steel mills in Czechoslovakia.
5. The directorate of the plant is located in the plant itself. The director is Mr (fnu) Jusa, engineer. The plant is subordinated to the Ministry of Metallurgic Production in Prague. The total number of workers is approximately 1,000, including administrative and technical employees. The average monthly wage is 5,000 crowns. Approximately 60% of the total number of workers of the Manganese and Pyrite Works in Chvalatice are Communists. The plant has its own factory guard and workers' militia.
6. The plant is connected by a railway track with the main line of the Czechoslovak State Railroads in Ráčan. Water is supplied from the Elbe river by plant pumps. The plant is operated by electricity.

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7. The morale of the workers is bad and hostile to the Communist regime, primarily because of the restriction in the food rations. [REDACTED] were three categories of rations tickets: those for heavy workers; those for soldiers; and supplementary ration tickets for the miners. Ration tickets for the soldiers were abolished entirely; the supplementary ration tickets for the miners were cut down. Supplementary ration tickets were issued only to those miners who had surpassed the fixed norms of individual labor output.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Manganese and Pyrite Works in Chvalatice Plan No 2
(B): Manganese and Pyrite Works in Chvalatice Plan No 2 with Legend.

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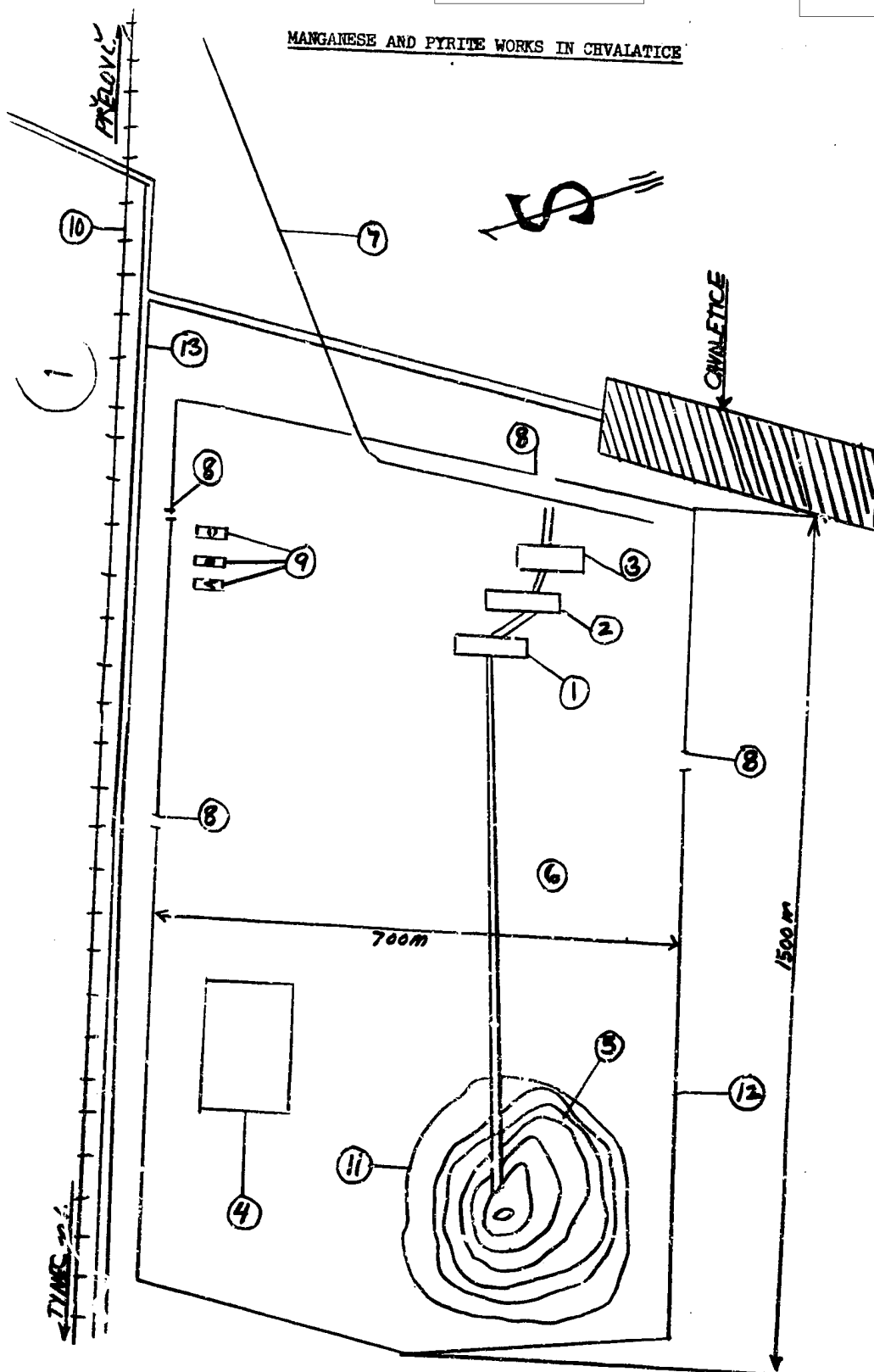
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1. Crusher for the large pieces of ore. A five-story building of steel and concrete, with a tar paper roof; 100 x 20 meters.
2. Spiral crusher for grinding of ore. A five-story building of steel construction, with a tar paper roof; 100 x 20 meters.
3. Rolling crusher for fine grinding of ore. A four-story building 100 x 20 meters. On the third and fourth floors is flotation equipment.
4. Manganese mine
5. Pyrite mine
6. Covered conveyor for the transportation of ore.
7. Railway track connecting the plant with the main line of the Czechoslovak State Railroads in the station of Ricany.
8. Gate-keepers' lodge
9. One-story wooden barracks with tar paper roofs, each 30 x 8 meters.
 - (A) Directorate
 - (B) Laboratories
 - (C) Guards' room and garages.
10. Main railway line of the Czechoslovak State Railroads in the direction of Prague.
11. Barbed wire fence enclosing the area of the plant.
12. Wire fence two meters high, fixed on concrete poles.
13. District highway, made of asphalt, connecting the towns of Prelouc and Tynec.

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